lumpsum. Hence no action was taken against him.

(iii) In the third case the Akademi requested an Advocate to institute recovery proceedings of the grant of LTC to Shri Balraj Verma after they failed to get the same recovered from him.

(d) and (e) Yes, Sir. These were forwarded to the Sangeet Natak Akademi for appropriate action.

Track Renewal in Tamil Nadu

3326. SHRI K. V. THANGKABALU: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the extent of track renewal in Tamil Nadu during the Seventh Five Year Plan;

(b) what is the target of track renewal in that State for the Eighth Five Year Plan; and

(c) what are the details of plans for improvement of railway stations in that State during the Seventh Five Year Plan?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD): (a) The statistics regarding track renewals are not maintained State-wise. However, track renewals of 1860 Km. are proposed to be done in Southern Railway which covers Tamil Nadu State.

(b) The target for track renewals for Southern Railway during 8th Plan period is 2000 Km.

(c) Improvements to stations, including remodelling of station building, is a continuous process and the same is done on a need based programme, in phases, subject to availability of funds. 62 stations in Tamil Nadu have so far been improved during the Seventh Five Year Plan period and 39 stations are proposed to be improved during the remaining period of the Seventh Five Year Plan. The amenities being provided at different stations comprise drinking water, toilets, improvements to platform and shelter over platform, waiting halls, improved booking facilities, improvement to circulating area, etc.

Appointment of Chairman/Members of the Central Board of Film Certification

3327. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any full-fledged Chairman of the Central Board of Film Certification is working at present;

(b) if not, what are the reasons therefor and the details of members on this Board; and

(c) what are the guidelines for their appointment?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Following the completion of the term of former part-time Chairman and pending the appointment of a regular Chairman, Prof. M. B. Vanamali, one of the present members of the Central Board of Film Certifications, is working as acting Chairman of the Board.

At present, in addition to Prof. Vanamali, the following 20 persons are holding office as member of the Central Board of Film Certification:

1. Ms. Shanta Gandhi
2. Smt. Sarayu Doshi
3. Shri G. P. Sippy
4. Dr. V. S. Venkatavaradhan
5. Smt. Shaila Parikh

6. Smt. Vijaya Mehta
7. Shri Vinay Kumar Sinha
8. Shri D. Ramanujam
9. Shri C. V. Shreedhar
10. Ms. Maitreyi Ramadurai
11. Smt. Raji Rangachari
12. Shri Bhupen Hazarika
13. Ms. Aparna Sen
14. Shri Samik Banerjee
15. Shri T. S. Narasimhan
16. Dr. B. K. Chandrasekhar
17. Shri P. Bhaskaran
18. Shri K. Ravindranathan Nair
19. Shri T. Subramani Reddy
20. Shri L. Lakshmipathy

(c) The Cinematograph Act, 1952 and the Rules made thereunder do not prescribe any guidelines for appointment of the members of the Board. The Board members are drawn from different walks of life and they belong to different professions, such as medicine, social science, law, teaching; art and film production/direction, etc.

Extending the Runway at Tirupati

3328. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to extend the runway at Tirupati, so that Boeing aircraft can land even at night; if so, what progress has been made in this regard;

(b) whether any negotiations between the Ministry of Civil Aviation and Tourism and the Andhra Pradesh Government for exchange of land to extend the runway are going on; if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that more than 80 Members of Parliament have represented for the expansion of the said airport; if so, by when Boeing traffic would be diverted through Tirupati?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) The National Airports Authority is examining the feasibility of extension of the runway and expansion of other infrastructural facilities at Tirupati airport for making it suitable for Boeing-737 operations.

(b) The Government of Andhra Pradesh has been requested to make land available for extension of airstrip.

(c) Some representations have been received. No definite time frame is available at this stage.

Connecting Visakhapatnam with Boeing flights

3329. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to connect Visakhapatnam by Boeing flights; if so, what are the details thereof and if not, what are the hurdles in this regard; and

(b) what steps are being taken to overcome these hurdles?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) and (b) Indian Airlines is already operating a daily Boeing 737 service on the sector Visakhapatnam-Hyderabad by IC-661/562 and on the sector Calcutta-Visakhapatnam-Madras on 6 days a week basis by IC-541/542.